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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Operations, DPS

SUBJECT : Painting of Aircraft

1. The camouflage characteristics of various paints observed in the test in July of this year, indicate that black is the most effective. It is recommended in view of the increased threat from Soviet aircraft with a capability of a zoom climb that all Project aircraft be painted black. It is felt that any consideration given to the security aspect of the paint job must be weighed against the survivability of the plane. If desired, a test of the comparable effectiveness can be had by painting the aircraft at [REDACTED] black and 25X1A comparing results with [REDACTED] which are painted blue.

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